

other requirements, objections or rejections are contained in the action of June 23, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that examination on the merits of the elected invention is in order. Therefore, early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 of International Business Machines Corporation (E. Fishkill)

Respectfully submitted,



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